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PATENT Case No. P-188

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Ap	oplication of:)	
Whiteho	ead et al.)	
Serial N	No.: 09/938,009)	Group Art Unit: 1617
Filed: A	August 23, 2001)	Examiner: M. Bahar
	METHODS FOR TREATMENT OF LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS)))	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants' attorney thanks the Examiner for returning his phone message about the September 10, 2002 Restriction Requirement on her day off last Friday.

In our conversation, the undersigned noted that methods of group II represented a subset of group I because compounds presented in the claims in group II were PDE2 inhibitors as recited in the claims of group I. The Examiner indicated that if that was the case, groups I and II would be combined and examined together. If groups I and II are examined together, Applicants will agree to restrict groups III and IV simply for

convenience. If this case can proceed with an examination of claims 1-30 and 38 (i.e., groups I and II), Applicants will cancel the remaining claims at a later date after the Examiner indicates her agreement to this.

For a species, Applicants elect compound 38 (see p. 41 of the specification). We look forward to an office action on the merits concerning Groups I and II.

Respectfully submitted,

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